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April 1, 2014

Mr. Peter Swenson, Chief
Watershed and Wetlands Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Swenson:

RE: Indiana's 2014 Integrated Report and
Draft 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

This letter accompanies the 2014 Indiana Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report (IR) and the state's draft 2014 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. These documents are being submitted per requirements under Sections 305(b) and 303(d), respectively, of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR 130. Indiana has submitted both the 305(b) and the 303(d) components of the Integrated Report together via email.

For the 2014 submission, Indiana has chosen to follow, to the degree possible, the 305(b) and 303(d) reporting methods outlined in the U.S. EPA *Guidance for 2004 Assessment, Listing and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 of the Clean Water Act* (U.S. EPA, 2003) and the additional guidance provided in the U.S. EPA memorandums containing information concerning Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 integrated reporting and listing decisions for the 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014 cycle.

Indiana's 305(b) submission includes the narrative Indiana Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report 2014 and a number of appendices including:

- Metadata for the report
- Tables for the report
- Figures for the report
- IDEM's 305(b)/303(d) monitoring, assessment, reporting and listing schedule
- Trophic status and trends of Indiana's lakes
- Indiana's Consolidated List (Categories 1-5)
- Comprehensive Aquatic Life Use and Recreational Use Assessments



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Indiana's 303(d) submission includes:

- The Notice of Comment Period for the draft 2014 303(d) list, which will soon be published for a 90-day public comment period as mandated by Indiana state law. The Notice of Comment Period to be published includes IDEM's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology, information regarding the current unresolved issues with IDEM's 2010 303(d) list, acknowledgement of no word from U.S. EPA regarding approval status of IDEM's 2012 303(d) list and how the draft list for 2014 was developed;
- Explanations for changes made to the 2012 303(d) list submitted to U.S. EPA on December 28, 2012 in an Addendum to IDEM's 2012 Integrated Report;
- Indiana's draft 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, which includes Categories 5A and 5B of the state's Consolidated List;
- TMDL development schedule for 2014-2016;
- Long term TMDL development schedule for all impaired waters identified to date;
- Update on the status of Category 4 waters, and;
- A segmentation tracking table for all stream assessment units that were split for purposes of assessments conducted during the 2014 cycle.

You will also find enclosed a CD that contains IDEM's Assessment Database for the 2014 cycle and the 2014 Reach Index shapefiles for use in georeferencing to the National Hydrography Database the waterbodies identified in these documents.

Although the exact date of its publication is unknown, the public comment period for Indiana's draft 2014 303(d) list will end in 90 days after publication. In keeping with U.S. EPA guidance, after the public comment period ends, IDEM will provide U.S. EPA full text copies of all comments received along with summarized comments and IDEM's responses and any additional changes to the draft 2014 303(d) list needed as a result of information provided by the public.

We look forward to receiving U.S. EPA's formal decision regarding the disposition of Indiana's 2012 303(d) list and have developed the draft 2014 303(d) list based on the belief that this decision is forthcoming. IDEM must necessarily consider the 303(d) list included with this submittal a draft and subject to change based on comments received by the public during the public comment period and or further discussions with U.S. EPA regarding previous lists as yet not fully approved.

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In the meantime, it is our understanding that with this transmittal, all required components of the 2014 Integrated Report (submitted pursuant to Section 305(b) of the CWA) and the draft 2014 303(d) List of Impaired Waters are complete and ready for U.S. EPA review. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Arthur (317-308-3179) or me (317-308-3235).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marylou Poppa Renshaw".

Marylou Poppa Renshaw, Chief
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